

Martin J. Dirks, 80

Martin J. Dirks, 80, Groton, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999 at the Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton.

His funeral was Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1999 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Groton, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Martin Dirks was born January 23, 1919 to Jacob and Emma Dirks in Ferney. He grew up in the Ferney area and attended school there.

He married Gladys Martin, October 16, 1949 at the home of George and Edith Riggs, Groton. In 1953, they moved to Florence, where he worked for the Conifer Nursery and later the Florence Farmers Elevator. They moved back to Groton in 1963. He worked for George Trembl for many years and later at the Groton cemetery. Martin entered Beverly Healthcare Center in January of 1997 and was a resident there until the time of his death.

He was a longtime member of the Groton Garden Club.

He is survived by his wife, Groton; one daughter, Mary Ann (Gene) Freudenthal, Hecla; one son, Charles, Groton; two grandchildren, Kari and Korey, and one great grandchild, Kristofer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Casketbearers were Jim Oliver, Harvey Fliehs Sr., Dale Ringgenberg, John Martin, Harvey Fliehs Jr., and Richard Fliehs.

Organist was Carol Sombke. There was congregational singing.